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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AND THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) The Commissioners of
2 Public Safety, Public Health, Children and Families and Education
3 shall jointly develop a plan to address the special needs of children
4 and youth exposed to terrorism, including bioterrorism, and to
5 strengthen emergency and rescue services for children to protect them
6 from biological, chemical and toxic agents. The plan shall: (1) Ensure
7 that fire and police personnel, emergency medical technicians and
8 other emergency workers are equipped and trained to deal with the
9 medical needs of children exposed to a terrorist attack; (2) ensure that
10 safe, appropriate medicines are available for children affected by a
11 bioterrorist attack; (3) provide for the coordination of communications
12 and training regarding the protection, health and safety of children in
13 response to terrorism; (4) ensure that mental health services are
14 available for children affected by terrorist attacks, including mental
15 health consultants, for child day care and school readiness programs
16 and mental health professionals in schools or linked to schools through

17 community mental health systems; (5) ensure, with the assistance of
18 local building officials, that all school buildings and day care facilities
19 are structurally safe and secure; (6) ensure that children have a safe
20 place to be during nonschool hours through the use of community
21 facilities and resources such as after school programs in schools; and
22 (7) include methods to increase youth involvement in community
23 service and civic activities.

24 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall report, in accordance
25 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the General Assembly on
26 the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by
27 January 1, 2003.

28 Sec. 2. Section 10-220f of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

30 Each local and regional board of education [may] shall establish a
31 school district safety committee to: (1) Develop a crisis response plan
32 for incidents of terrorism and other emergencies that includes safety
33 and security measures, including evacuation procedures, provision for
34 mental health services for children, staff and parents, and methods to
35 disseminate accurate and appropriate information to children, staff,
36 and parents; (2) review the adequacy of emergency response
37 procedures at each school and recommend changes to such procedures
38 in accordance with the crisis response plan; and (3) increase staff and
39 student awareness of safety and health issues. [and to review the
40 adequacy of emergency response procedures at each school.] Parents
41 and high school students shall be included in the membership of such
42 committees.

43 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 19a-79 of the general statutes, as
44 amended by section 48 of public act 01-4 of the June special session, is
45 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
46 *1, 2002*):

47 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in

48 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes
49 of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended, and 19a-82 to 19a-
50 87, inclusive, and to assure that child day care centers and group day
51 care homes shall meet the health, educational and social needs of
52 children utilizing such child day care centers and group day care
53 homes. Such regulations shall (1) specify that before being permitted to
54 attend any child day care center or group day care home, each child
55 shall be protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization
56 against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps,
57 rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required
58 by the schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section
59 19a-7f, including appropriate exemptions for children for whom such
60 immunization is medically contraindicated and for children whose
61 parents object to such immunization on religious grounds, (2) specify
62 conditions under which child day care center directors and teachers
63 and group day care home providers may administer tests to monitor
64 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
65 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs
66 specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving
67 child day care services at such child day care center or group day care
68 home pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to practice
69 medicine or a dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this or
70 another state, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to
71 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant
72 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written
73 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an
74 operator of a child day care center or group day care home, licensed
75 before January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives a license after
76 January 1, 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall
77 provide a minimum of thirty square feet per child of total indoor
78 usable space, free of furniture except that needed for the children's
79 purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens,
80 halls, isolation room or other rooms used for purposes other than the
81 activities of the children, (4) specify that a child day care center or

82 group day care home licensed after January 1, 1986, shall provide
83 thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor usable space, [and] (5)
84 establish appropriate child day care center staffing requirements for
85 employees certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American
86 Red Cross or the American Heart Association, and (6) require each day
87 care center and group day care home to develop a crisis response plan
88 for incidents of terrorism and other emergencies that includes safety
89 and security measures, including evacuation procedures, provision for
90 mental health services for children, staff and parents, and methods to
91 disseminate accurate and appropriate information to children, staff,
92 and parents.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for a plan to respond to the needs of children in crisis situations involving terrorism.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]